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News Release

2023 IOWA FFA AG ISSUES AND PERCEPTIONS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT

95th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions Leadership Development Event (LDE) was held at the Iowa State Center, Ames, on Monday, April 17, 2023. Twelve chapters participated in this year's LDE. The first place chapter for the event was the West Liberty FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Zach Morris, Ms. Elyse Buysse, and Ms. Michele McMichael. The second place chapter for the event was the Charles City FFA Chapter. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. Jim Lundberg and Mr. Bret Spurgin.

Ag Issues and Perceptions is a team event that requires chapters to have a firm understanding of how issues in agriculture develop. Participants were challenged to develop a portfolio and deliver a presentation that stressed both the pros and cons the issue. Verbal skills and presentation abilities were used to defend their issue through a series of questions. The Iowa FFA Ag Issues and Perceptions LDE was made possible with support from ASFMRA- Iowa Chapter through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The results from the Ag Issues and Perceptions LDE are listed below.

Place	FFA Member Name(s)	Chapter P. O.	Rating
1	Mya Elizondo, Paige Werling, Addyson Lehman, Nellie Stagg, David Mahoney, Amerie Alvarado, and Dominic Hernandez	West Liberty	Gold
2	Taylor Quade, Josette Benning, Jada Litterer, Olivia Litterer, Madison Haus, Margaret Boss, and Lauren Staudt	Charles City	Gold
3	Ben Crall, Justin Hinrichs, Breanna Nolte, Cailey Wallace, Cheyenne Wallace, Fleur Onnekinek, and Caden Carruthers	Liberty Center	Gold
4	Mckennen Boehme, Tessa Ellensohn, Desiree Breuer, Lauren Rexwinkel, and Sarah Vacura	LeMars	Gold
5	Rhiannon Horn, Hailey Harbison, Grace Coble, Natalie West, Chase Waterhouse, Noah Rich, and Eleazar Quiroz	Wayland	Gold
	Alexis Boord, Braydon Lourens, Kort Mcneer, Hunter Morgan, Jade Osborn, Alexandra Sagar, and Rylee Wells	Pleasant Hill	Gold
	Wyatt Christiansen, Morgan Hollingshead, Olivia Paulsen, Coy Petersen, Karley Schaefer, Owen Sterk, and Jayda Thomsen	Wyoming	Gold
	Ava Edler, Karley Frost, Maya Gunderson, Halie Hohnstein, Ciera Randall, Avery Stanley, and Carli Pfantz	State Center	Silver
	Clare Peters, Brett Petersen, Avery Smith, Santiago Soria, and Autumn Wunschel	Storm Lake	Silver
	Lane W Converse, Anna L Egan, Jesse R Jones, Jonathan C Redfern, Colton Zupke, and Claire A Rucker	Sumner	Silver

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Evan Fast, Cael Hogan, Wyatt Mendenhall, Michael Ramsey, Dylan Stormer, and Gavin Wetzel	Corning	Bronze
Keira Simmons, Riley Gibson, Weston Ploeger, Maddy Carstens, Hadley Klein, and Joseph Perrigo	Panora	Bronze

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 19,000 student members as part of 260 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com, on Facebook, and Twitter.